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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christos J. Petropoulos
Serial No.: 09/886,711 Examiner: M. Moshner
Filed : June 21, 2001 Art Unit: 1648
For : PRODUCTION OF INFECTIOUS HEPADNAVIRUS PARTICLES
CONTAINING FOAMY RETROVIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS AND
METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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November 8, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2002 OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a May 8, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 8, 2002 Office Action was originally due August 8, 2002. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. Applicant has previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the May 8, 2002 Office Action is now due November 8, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 55 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a continuation or

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